

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/667,410	IKEGAMI ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Janis L. Dote	1756

-- *The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--*

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 2/1/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25.
3. The drawings filed on 23 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date 2/23/05; 4/19/05
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

1. The examiner acknowledges the amendments filed on Feb. 1, 2005, to claims 1, 3, and 16-25. Claims 1-25 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Corwin Umbach (Reg. No. 40,211) on May 31, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, at line 4, delete the word "herein" and insert the word -- wherein --.

3. The examiner's amendment to claim 1 corrects a typographic error that occurred during the preparation of the amendment filed on Feb. 1, 2005, to claim 1.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The objection to the specification set forth in the office action mailed on Nov. 17, 2004, paragraph 1, has been withdrawn in response to the amended paragraph filed on Feb. 1, 2005, beginning at page 30, line 24, of the specification.

The objections to the specification set forth in the office action mailed on Nov. 17, 2004, paragraph 2, have been withdrawn in response to the amended paragraph filed on Feb. 1, 2005, beginning at page 30, line 24, page 53, line 3, and page 65, line 24, of the specification.

The rejections of claims 1-25, under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in the office action mailed on Nov. 17, 2004, paragraph 4, have been withdrawn in response to the amendments filed on Feb. 1, 2005, to claims 1, 3, and 16-25.

Claims 1-25 are allowable over the prior art of record for the reasons discussed in the office action mailed on Nov. 17, 2004, paragraph 5, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janis L. Dote whose telephone number is (571) 272-1382. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Mark Huff, can be reached on (571) 272-1385. The central fax phone number is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry regarding papers not received regarding this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Supervisory Application Examiner Ms. Claudia Sullivan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1052.

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